

DIGITAL CONTENTS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, DIGITAL CONTENTS  
DISTRIBUTION METHOD, PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING THE METHOD,  
COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM STORING THE PROGRAM  
THEREIN, AND SERVER AND CLIENT THEREFOR

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The digital contents distribution system of the present invention distributes digital contents through first and second networks 12 and 22. A server 14 is connected to the first network 12, and clients 20 for receiving and displaying or reproducing the digital contents are connected to the second network 22. The server 14 divides digital contents held therein into a plurality of packets, and transmits packets of a minimum unit for constructing the digital contents to the second network 22. The clients 20 include means for holding the digital contents therein by use of the packets of the minimum unit received from the server 14 and packets received from other clients constructing the second network.